

FOR A NEW START

COMMANDER OF RUSSIAN ARMY
SAYS HE IS READY

IS ALL SWELL'D UP WITH PROSPECTS

Kuropatkin Says Days of Retreating
Are Over—Russian Army Will Take
the Offensive—Has Confidence of
Complete Victory

ST. PETERSBURG: Following is
the text of an order issued by Gen-
eral Kuropatkin:

"More than seven months ago the
enemy treacherously fell upon us at
Port Arthur before war had been de-
clared. Since then, by land and sea,
Russian troops have performed many
heroic deeds, of which the fatherland
may justly be proud. The enemy,
however, is not only not overthrown,
but, in his arrogance, continues to
dream of complete victory.

"The troops of the Manchurian
army, in unvarying good spirits, hith-
erto have not been numerically strong
enough to defeat the Japanese army.
Much time is necessary for overcom-
ing all the difficulties of strengthen-
ing the active army so as to enable it
to accomplish with complete success
the arduous but honorable task im-
posed upon it. It is for this reason
that, in spite of the repeated repulse
of Japanese attacks upon our posi-
tions at Tatchekiao, Liandianshan
and Liaoyang, I did not consider that
the time had arrived to take advan-
tage of these successes and to begin
a forward movement, and I therefore
gave the order to retreat.

"You left the positions you had so
heroically defended, covered with
piles of the enemy's dead, and with-
out allowing yourselves to be dis-
turbed by the foe in the full prepared-
ness for a fresh fight. After a five
days' battle at Liaoyang you retired
on new positions which had been
prepared previously. After success-
fully defending all advanced and
main positions, you withdrew to Muk-
den under most difficult conditions.

"Attacked by General Kuropatkin's
army, you marched through almost
impassable mud, fighting throughout
the day and extricating guns and
carts with your hands at night, and
then returned to Mukden without
abandoning a single gun, prisoner or
wounded man, and with the baggage
train entirely intact.

"I ordered the retreat with a sor-
rowful heart, but with unshaken con-
fidence that it was necessary in order
to gain complete and decisive victory
over the enemy when the time came.

"The emperor has assigned for the
conflict with Japan forces sufficient
to assure us victory. All difficulties
in transporting these forces over a
distance of 10,000 versts are being
overcome in a spirit of self-sacrifice
and with indomitable energy and skill
by Russian men in every branch and
rank of the service, and every social
position to whom has been entrusted
this work, which, for difficulty, is
unprecedented in the history of war-
fare.

"In addition to numerical strength
in all commands, from the lowest to
the highest, the firm determination
must be to prevail, to gain victory.
Whatever be the sacrifice necessary
to this end, bear in mind the import-
ance of victory to Russia; and, above
all, remember how necessary victory
is, the more speedily to relieve our
brothers at Port Arthur, who for
seven months have heroically main-
tained the defense of the fortress en-
trusted to their care.

"The illustrious head of the Rus-
sian land, together with the whole
of Russia, prays for you, blesses you
for your heroic deeds.

ARDMORE GAMBLER SHOT

As a Result Thirty Gamblers Have
Been Arrested

ARDMORE: Tom Harris, a well
known gambler, was shot and prob-
ably fatally wounded by C. D. Wolfe,
also a gambler. The shooting oc-
curred in the gambling room in the
Apollis building. Wolfe was said to
have been intoxicated, and upon en-
tering the room began firing at Har-
ris, who was seated at a table. Three
shots took effect in Harris' body, and
his physicians say he cannot live.
After having been shot, Harris drew
his revolver and attempted to shoot
Wolfe, but in his weakened condition
his aim was poor and the shots went
wild. Wolfe immediately surren-
dered to the authorities and is now
being held awaiting the result of
Harris' wounds. Both Harris and
Wolfe are prominent in sporting cir-
cles and have resided here for sev-
eral years.

As a result of several difficulties in
which gamblers in this city have re-
cently been engaged, the authorities
arrested thirty-seven white men and
placed them in jail on the charge of
gaming. All the gambling houses in
the city were raided and the para-
phernalia burned in the street. Mar-
shal Colbert says he will put a stop
to gambling in the southern district.
Houses in this city have continued
to run wide open since the beginning
of the town, and most all of them
will probably be in operation again
in a few hours.

MURDER MYSTERY

Woman Arrested Upon Charge of
Killing Her Husband

GUTHRIE: Mystery, to a great
extent, still surrounds the double kill-
ing at Crescent City, this county,
which occurred a few nights ago.
Both Mrs. Davis and Tom Meeks have
been arrested pending an investiga-
tion, although there is no direct evi-
dence against either one, except an
alleged statement of Tom Meeks that
the woman killed her husband.

The facts now go to show that be-
yond doubt there was a woman mixed
up in the case, and perhaps several
of them. It is stated that Davis could
not have committed suicide, as at
first reported, because the shotgun
wound which caused his death was
in the back of his head. He was
also shot in the right leg. Accord-
ing to an alleged statement of Tom
Meeks, the woman shot her husband
after Davis had shot and fatally
wounded Jesse Meeks, a brother of
Tom Meeks.

Tom Meeks was placed in the
county jail here and a guard was
left with Mrs. Davis, to bring her to
this city, after the funeral of her hus-
band. There is still considerable
mystery about the entire affair, ex-
cept that it results from a long stand-
ing and bitter feud.

Two citizens of Crescent say that
Davis was killed by a woman.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Man Took Refuge From Flood in a
Tree Shot

SHAWNEE: J. R. Trout, a resi-
dent of the south part of this county,
was forced into a tree by the high
waters of the South Canadian, which
receded and allowed him to get down
in a few hours. As he walked to
high ground a shot, fired from am-
bush, killed him instantly. George
Miller, a local bad man, was believed
to have fired the shot, and Sheriff
Grace went after him with a warrant.
When the officer reached Miller's
place a deputy walked up and
knocked. The door opened and Mil-
ler covered him with a Winchester,
but gave himself up when he learned
the officer was unarmed. Miller is
now in jail. He denies shooting
Trout. Trout was wealthy and high-
ly respected. His former home was
in Texas.

FEAR URPRISING

GOVERNOR McCURTAIN ASKS
FOR A SQUAD OF POLICE

SNAKE INDIANS CONGREGATE AT BEACH

Seventy-Five Were Encamped When
the Choctaw Chief Sent in the Call,
and More Arriving—The Federal
Officers Not Worried

MUSKOGEE: The Indian agent
here received a telegram from Gov-
ernor McCurtain of the Choctaw na-
tion asking that a squad of Indian
police be dispatched at once to aid
the light horsemen of the Choctaw
nation to quell an uprising of the
Snake faction in the Choctaw nation.
He stated that there were seventy-
five Indians congregated near
Beech, near the Arkansas line, and
that more are arriving all the time,
and they are threatening and intimid-
ating the inhabitants of that sec-
tion. The police were sent as re-
quested. It is the same story of
Snakes trying to incite opposition
to taking allotted lands, and they are
trying to keep all Indians they can
from doing so, by threatening their
lives if they allot land. The authori-
ties here think the disturbing ele-
ment can be quickly brought under
control.

A Plot Discovered

SOUTH McALESTER: The re-
quest of Governor McCurtain of the
Choctaw nation for Indian police to
quell a disturbance raised at Beech
by seventy-five Snake Indians is be-
lieved to be the result of a plot just
discovered by the attorneys for the
Choctaw nation to rob the illiterate
full bloods. An attorney at Wash-
ington has been collecting a per cap-
ita under promise of securing leg-
islation dissolving all federal juris-
diction over Indian Territory, wipe
out all towns and cause the buffaloes
to return. Investigation is now being
made of this scheme by the interior
department. The present trouble
near Beech is supposed to be a re-
sult of dissatisfaction on the part of
the Indians because of the non-ful-
fillment of the promises of the Wash-
ington lawyer.

WILL CLOSE OCTOBER 31

Seminole Allottees Must Make Appli-
cation Before That Date

MUSKOGEE: The following no-
tice has been given out for publica-
tion by the Dawes commission:

"Notice is hereby given that the
Seminole land office, now maintained
at Wewoka, in the Seminole nation,
Indian Territory, for the purpose of
affording Seminole allottees an oppor-
tunity to make designation of their
homestead reservations, will be closed
October 31, 1904.

"It will be necessary that all citi-
zens of the Seminole nation who de-
sire the privilege of selecting the
land upon which shall be reserved
for them as a homestead appear at
the land office in Wewoka on or be-
fore the 31st day of October and make
such selection.

"Upon the closing of the land of-
fice the commission will proceed to
set aside homestead reservations for
all who fail to make such selection
for themselves."

Greer Bound Over

GUTHRIE: Editor Frank Greer,
charged with assaulting Editor John
Golobie with a deadly weapon,
waived a preliminary examination be-
fore a justice of the peace and was
bound over to the grand jury under
\$500 bond, with Robert Solberg as
security. Henry Asp is Greer's at-
torney.

AN IRRIGATION SCHEME

Plans for Damming Medicine Creek
at Medicine Bluff Contemplated

LAWTON: It will not be long be-
fore all the public buildings in the
new country, to be paid for out of
the lots sale money of the townsites
of Lawton, Hobart and Anadarko,
which are under the direction and
supervision of the department of the
interior, will be under construction.
These lot sales netted more than \$1,-
000,000. The irrigation scheme pro-
jected for Comanche and Kiowa
counties is now being considered by
the department, and it is probable
that the efforts of the engineers of
the interior department will be di-
rected in this line. The project is
one of the largest attempted in re-
cent years by the government, and in-
volves an amount of money in excess
of \$1,000,000. This sum has been ap-
propriated by congress for this pur-
pose.

A meeting of the farmers in the
neighborhood of Mountain Park was
recently held, at which there was a
large attendance. J. B. Thoburn,
secretary of the territorial board of
agriculture, and Frank Anderson of
the industrial department of the St.
Louis & San Francisco railway sys-
tem, addressed the assembly. At
this meeting a committee was ap-
pointed to look after all matters con-
nected with the movement.

F. H. Newell, chief of the division
of hydrography and reclamation in
the interior department of Washing-
ton, will visit that part of the coun-
try during November, while on his
way to El Paso, Texas, where he will
go to deliver an address before the
irrigation congress, which will meet
in that city. While in Oklahoma he
will also deliver an address.

All that remains now to insure the
carrying out of the plans for the pro-
posed irrigation scheme is for the
people to organize thoroughly and
proceed with measures for utilizing
the land to be reclaimed. It is ex-
pected that many persons will hear
the address to be delivered by Mr.
Newell while in Oklahoma, and ex-
cursion trains will be run into this
city for the occasion.

Plans for damming Medicine creek
near Fort Sill, at Medicine Bluff, in
order to create a water supply for the
proposed irrigation system, have al-
ready favorably discussed, and the
men connected with the geological
survey have made a recommendation
to the interior department to the ef-
fect that the proposed plan is prac-
tical. It is impossible at this time
to say just what plans are being con-
sidered by the Washington officials.
General H. Mathews, chief engineer
of the interior department, who is
located at Lawton, and who has charge
of all the public buildings now under
construction in the new country, may
have something to give out in re-
gard to the project in the near fu-
ture.

RAPID BRIDGE BUILDING

In Five Days the Rock Island Com-
pany Constructed 1,800 Feet

The Rock Island railroad bridge be-
tween Minco and El Reno has been
rebuilt since the washout, and trains
are now being operated over it. Mr.
Bishop, the superintendent of bridges
for the district mentioned, broke the
record for fast work in rebuilding
this structure. The length of the
bridge is 1,800 feet, and it was built
in exactly five and one-half days.
When work was begun it was thought
the task could not be completed in
less time than two weeks, as not a
piece of timber of any sort was left
by the flood. Everything had to be
rebuilt, and the work was carried on
under many difficulties. Mr. Bishop
also made a record for bridge build-
ing last summer, when the structure
spanning Salt Fork went out. The
bridge is sixty-five feet long, and it
was put in service in forty-eight
hours.